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Q2* intraperitoneally with PAK wildtype at 3LD₅₀. Mice were monitored on a hourly basis between 16 and 48 hours. As seen in Figure 9, percent survival was dose dependent within the range of pilin protein amounts tested.

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a3* After page 15, please add pages 1-9 of the sequence listing attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add Claim 20 as follows:

a4 Claim 20 (newly added) A method of treating or preventing infection by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* comprising administering a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of an isolated pilin peptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID Nos. 4, 6, 8, or 10.

Please cancel Claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-identified application.

Applicants submit that the Preliminary Amendment makes changes to the Specification for priority purposes and in accordance with those changes made to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/329,884. Claim 20 has been newly added for reconsideration upon examination.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


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